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Subject: Authorization Number for Medical Inpatient Detoxification (MID) Services

Retroactive to dates of service on and after March 1, 2004, hospitals must bill using one of the authorization numbers listed in this memorandum in order to receive reimbursement for inpatient medical detoxification services provided to medical assistance clients. Providers may use these authorization numbers only when the medical inpatient detoxification (MID) criteria outlined in this memorandum have been met.

What is MID authorization?

MID authorization is a process used to facilitate reimbursement of inpatient medical detoxification when it is provided in a non-psychiatric setting and when a hospital does not have a detoxification-specific provider number. The process includes the hospital provider's use of criteria applied by the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) in determining medical necessity for an MID stay.

What are the MID criteria?

The MID criteria are listed below. **All** of these MID criteria must be met:

- 1) The stay meets the intensity of service and severity of illness standards necessary to qualify a stay as inpatient;
- 2) The principal diagnosis is in one of the following ranges (291.0-292.99, 303.0-303.92, 304.0-304.92 and 305.0-305.92);
- 3) The client is not participating in MAA's Chemical-Using Pregnant (CUP) Women program;
- 4) The care is provided in a medical unit;
- 5) Inpatient psychiatric care is not medically necessary, and an approval from the Regional Support Network (RSN) is not appropriate;
- 6) The hospital does not have a detoxification-specific provider number (detoxification-specific provider numbers start with "36"); and
- 7) Non-hospital-based detoxification is not medically appropriate.

What authorization number do I use when billing for MID?

For acute alcohol detoxification use: 640233143

For acute drug detoxification use: 640233045

Note: MAA will deny MID claims submitted without one of these MID authorization numbers.

When do I use this MID authorization number?

Use the MID authorization number only when all of the MID criteria have been met.

Use of the MID authorization number acts as the hospital's certification that the stay meets MID criteria. Documentation in the client's medical record must verify that all the criteria were met. The documentation must be made available to MAA upon request.

When the stay meets MID criteria, where do I put the authorization number?

Enter the appropriate MID authorization number in the *Authorization* field on the claim.

What payment methodology will MAA use to reimburse for these services?

In accordance with WAC 388-550-2800, MAA will use standard methodology to reimburse for these services.

What is MAA's allowed length-of-stay for claims reimbursed using the RCC reimbursement methodology?

In accordance with WAC 388-550-4300(4)(a) and (b), reimbursement for inpatient medical detoxification days will be limited to:

- **Three** days for an acute alcoholic condition; and
- **Five** days for acute drug addiction.

How do I bill MAA for MID services that exceed the three- or five-day limitation?

When an MID stay exceeds the three- or five-day length-of-stay limitation, bill for all charges incurred during the stay (from admit through discharge) on one claim. Bill covered and non-covered accommodation charges on separate lines. Enter ancillary charges for non-covered days in the non-covered field.

To obtain MAA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).